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SENT BONN 862 REPEATED INFORMATION DEPARTMENT 922.

REFERENCE BERLINS SENT TO BONN, REPEATED POUCH DEPARTMENT 916.

SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT TODAY PUBLISHED STORY DATELINED BONN STATING THAT OFFICIAL AMERICAN CIRCLES IN BONN HAD DECLARED ON TUESDAY THAT REPORTS APPEARING IN WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS THAT CLOSING OF SPANDAU PRISON MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION. THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO CLOSE SPANDAU PRISON. PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE BY SOVS TO TRANSFER PRISONERS IN SPANDAU TO WESTERN CUSTODY. HOWEVER, SOV MOTIVES BEHIND THIS PROPOSAL MADE IT ADVISABLE TO REJECT SUCH TRANSFER OF CUSTODY.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY PRESS INQUIRIES, WE INTEND SAYING WE KNOW NOTHING OF ANY SUCH SOV PROPOSAL.

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